[Translation]

Bombay-Agra N.H.

3924. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for converting Bombay-Agra National Highway into Express Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The proposal for constructing expressways in the country is only at the conceptual stage. A network plan was prepared in the year 1995. As per that plan, there is no proposal for constructing an expressway to Agra-Bombay (except via Jaipur) or converting the existing National Highway No. 3 into an expressway.

Water Supply to Delhi

3925. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the Worsening water problem of Delhi;

(b) if so, the arrangements made by the Government to provide additional water to Delhi from national resources;

(c) the total quantum of water Delhi is receiving from outside at present; and

(d) the additional quantum of water proposed to be made available to Delhi from the national water resources (rivers)?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Sufficient raw water is being made available to Delhi for its Water Treatment Plants at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Delhi is receiving water from Bhakra System and Yamuna river as per its shares in surplus Ravi-Beas waters and Yamuna waters, in addition to Ramganga waters through Upper Ganga Canal. Total quantum of surface water received by Delhi from these sources is 2435 Million Litres per Day (535 Million Gallons per Day).

(d) Delhi will receive additional water from proposed Renuka and Kishau Dams as per Yamuna Waters Agreement of 12.5.1994. Abourt 300 Cusec of water is proposed to be made available to Delhi from Tehri Dam also after completion.

[English]

Expenditure on Missions Abroad

3926. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure, broken up into personnel related and others, incurred on Indian Embassies, High Commissions, Missions, Consulates and other offices abroad under the Ministry during 1993-94 to 1995-96;

(b) whether the Ministry operates any system of periodical evaluation of performance of each of such offices by way of cost benefit analysis to determine the benefits accruing to the country; and

(c) if so, whether any decision to upgrade, downgrade or totally abolish such embassies etc. has been taken as a result of such evaluation and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFARIS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Expenditure on personnel and other items incurred on Indian Embassies, High Commissions, Consulates and other offices abroad under the budget of Ministry of External Affairs is given below for the last 3 financial years:

Financial Year	Expenditure on personnel (Pay and allowances)	Expenditure on other Heads
		(Rupees in crores)
1993-94	138.49	192.24
1994-95	168.80	241.04
1995-96	202.27	284.60

(b) and (c). The Indian Missions/posts abroad perform a wide range of functions in political, economic, commercial, consular, cultural, information, science and technology and other spheres with a view to safeguarding India's overall national interests. The Foreign Service Inspectors undertake evaluation of these Missions/Posts to assess their performance and functional utility from time to time and recommend measures for improving their efficiency and effectiveness. However, because of the very nature of the functions performed by these Missions/Posts, cost benefit analysis alone would not be an appropriate approach to arrive at conclusions for upgrading/downgrading or closing the Missions/Posts. The Foreign Service Inspectors inspected 52 Missions/Posts during the period 1993-94 to 1995-96 and recommended a variety of measures for personnel and infrastructural upgradations/changes. Keeping in view the ground situation, further strengthening was recommended in 14 Missions/Posts, whereas in an equal number of Missions/Posts, the strength was reduced. Separately, for reasons of economy, Embassies in Malawi, Colombia and Zaire were closed during 1993-94. Mission in Colombia has however,